

Met that if allowed to continue his course he could put the finances of Persia on a firm footing in two years more.

Big Powers Objected.

Mr. Shuster's administration, while highly advantageous to Persia, proved to be objectionable to the governments of Russia and Great Britain, which have large political and financial interests in that country. On the broad ground that a continuance of the policy adopted by Mr. Shuster was prejudicial to the interests and subjects of Russia, that government, being unable to attain its purposes in any other way, demanded the dismissal of Shuster and sent a large force of soldiers into Persia to enforce its demands. Great Britain, finally at least, agreed to the Russian ultimatum, and Persia, being unable to resist the pressure, agreed to the Russian terms. Although there is no doubt that Mr. Shuster will be compelled to relinquish his important post, there appears to be considerable uncertainty as to how Persia will settle its contract obligations to the American official who secured it so faithfully.

Persians in the United States asked this government to interfere in behalf of Mr. Shuster, declaring that it was the only way to preserve Persian autonomy and independence. The Secretary of State said that the United States government was interested in Mr. Shuster only as an American citizen in the service of a foreign government, and would see that he was fully protected in his rights as such citizen, but that it could not take up the cudgels for him as a Persian official. It was stated also that the United States had no direct official interest in the national issues between Persia and Russia or between Persia and Great Britain.

TAFT INVITED TO NASHVILLE.

Asked to Attend Convention of Southern Commercial Congress.

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, president of the Southern Commercial Congress, has presented to President Taft a copy of the volume issued by the congress, entitled "The South's Physical Recovery."

The volume is bound in full morocco and bears President Taft's name in gold lettering. It contains all the speeches delivered before the congress in Atlanta last month, including those by President Taft, former President Roosevelt, Gov. Woodrow Wilson, George Westinghouse, George W. Perkins and ninety others.

At the time of the presentation a committee representing the Southern Commercial Congress invited President Taft to the Nashville convention of the congress, next April. The invitation was accepted tentatively. The committee consisted of Senator Fletcher, G. Grosvener Dawe, managing director, Clarence A. Owens, secretary-treasurer, William H. Saunders, president, and Senators Taylor and Lea and Representative Byrnes of Tennessee. The invitation was presented by G. Grosvener Dawe and seconded by all others present.

NO DRILLS HELD TODAY.

Holiday at Fort Myer, Washington Barracks and Marine Barracks.

Officers and men at Fort Myer, Washington barracks and the Marine barracks took a day off today, no work except the necessary guard and fatigue duty being required. An elaborate Christmas dinner was served at the Marine barracks, starting with oysters, including roast turkey and cranberry sauce, roast Virginia ham and apple sauce, truffles like glazed sweet potatoes and asparagus tips, and finishing with bonbons, raisins, fruits, black coffee and cake.

A Christmas tree for the families of enlisted men was erected at Fort Myer Saturday night, and the usual extra Christmas dinner was served. Santa Claus distributed gifts from an elaborate decorated tree at Washington barracks last night, the recipients being the families of officers and non-commissioned officers.

TESTS BY NAVY AVIATORS.

Officers Ordered to San Diego to Make Flights Over the Ocean.

Orders have been given for Capt. Washington I. Chambers, in charge of the naval aviation bureau, and Lieut. T. C. Elyson, J. H. Towers and John Rodgers of the corps of naval aviators to proceed to San Diego, Cal., to conduct a series of tests in conjunction with Glenn H. Curtiss, who has a large camp at that place. The officers will start from here early next week. They will take with them the Wright biplane and the two Curtiss biplanes owned by the government. The tests will include a series of flights over water to and from naval vessels.

Last Chance to Get This Book.



The Star will soon close its record-breaking sale of the book, "The American Government," by Frederic J. Haskin. The coupon will be printed only a few days longer to accommodate those who have not secured the book, or those who may want additional copies.

In order to close the sale quickly and give our readers a final opportunity to get the book which tells so cleverly and concisely the story of the great American government, one coupon and 50 cents will be accepted for each copy, with 15 cents extra if sent by mail. If you want to send the book away The Star will save you all the trouble of wrapping and mailing.

Take advantage of this last offer quickly, as this sale will positively close in a few days.

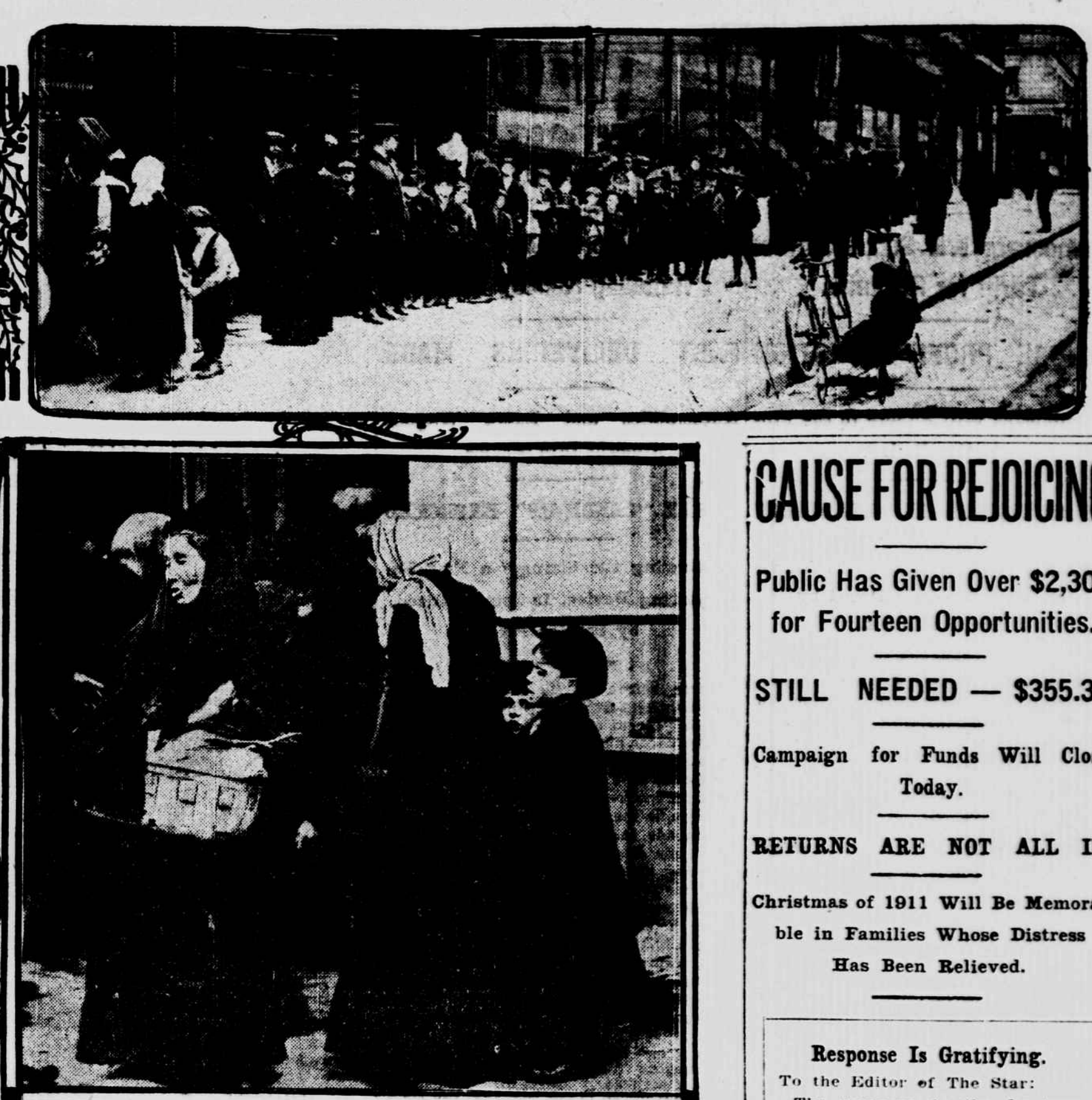
CHRISTMAS OF THE POOR OF THE CITY MADE GLAD BY THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AND CLOTHING

CROWD WAITING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY BASKETS.

YOUNGSTERS IN LINE AT A BIG STORE FOR OVERCOATS.



TWO BOYS WHO WERE IN THE OVERCOAT LINE. THE SAME BOYS AFTER RECEIVING THEIR GIFTS.



A FULL BASKET FOR HER.

NEWSIES AS GUESTS

Four Hundred Boys at Regulation Christmas Spread

WITH TURKEY AS FEATURE

Star and Times Entertain Their Faithful Customers.

DINNER AT UNION MISSION

President Taft Sends a Greeting to the Youthful Toilers—Messages From Others.

With meal tickets in right hands, hats in left visions of "this coming year," 400 hungry newsboys marched into the auditorium of the Central Union Mission at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Their expectation was fulfilled. Enormous quantities of roast turkey, brown bread, great bowls of cranberry sauce, dates of celery and a wagon load of thick pumpkin pies were among the goodies consumed by the army. The newsboys, by the way, were guests of The Evening Star and the Washington Times.

The boys gathered at the offices of The Evening Star and the Times, respectively, at 12:45 o'clock. At each place the first

200 were presented with tickets which admitted them to the dinner. Then they proceeded together to the Central Union Mission.

At the mission they were met by Rev. Zed H. Copp, who had made the arrangements for the dinner.

Admonition and a Joke.

"Boys," said Mr. Copp, "this is a Christmas dinner. You are supposed to eat it. We are here to eat, and eat we will; but be as quiet about it as possible. No soup will be served."

This jest was a little too deep for the majority of the newsboys. They didn't want soup, anyway. They wanted turkey and cranberry sauce.

Upon entering the auditorium a howl of delight went up. The tables fairly groaned under the weight of the Christmas feast. No preliminaries were indulged in, for the greater part of the newsboys had gone without breakfast in order that they might do justice to the dinner, or for economical reasons.

The auditorium was decorated with holly, evergreens and potted plants. In one end of the room was a gigantic Christmas tree decorated by men who make their homes in the city, in the memory of their own children. The newsboys each got a present from the tree. Other presents were there for some of the destitute children of the District.

President Sends Message.

While President Taft did not dine at table with the newsboys, he was there in spirit. A letter of Christmas cheer and greetings to all the boys was sent by him. When the letter had been read there was a great shout of approval. The "poor merchants" appreciated the message.

There were other letters from Speaker Clark, District Commissioner Rudolph, Thomas C. Noves, president of the Board of Trade; Capt. James F. Oyster, president of the Washington Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Emma Shelton, president of the W. C. T. U.; Rev. Joseph Kelly, president of the Pastors' Federation; Judge Julian Mack, president of the national conference of charities and correction; Mrs. A. A. Birney, president of the mothers' union; and Mrs. Mabel T. Home, president of the National Working Boys' Home.

The letters were read during and immediately after the dinner. Each one was applauded. Some of the letters contained good advice. All agreed with Mr. Copp that they would follow it.

Shouts of Approval.

Mr. Copp spoke upon the subject of a newsboys' union and club. The boys greeted with shouts of approval. In fact, the boys were so enthusiastic that Mr. Copp said he would go right on with the scheme, and that he hoped it would not be long before it materialized. He said he had called upon many prominent people and that they all were interested.

The dinner was a great success. The guests were given as many helpings as they wanted and made to feel that they were there for a good time. They took advantage of the opportunity. The newsboys' dinner has been an institution in Washington for years. The guests were given as many helpings as they wanted and made to feel that they were there for a good time. They took advantage of the opportunity. The newsboys' dinner has been an institution in Washington for years.

Linger About the Tree.

The dinner lasted over an hour. Many boys lingered in the auditorium after the meal, looking at the tree and the decorations. All were notified in time to make good when the afternoon editions were ready to appear upon the streets. For newsboys work just as hard on Christmas as on any other day.

During the dinner the galleries of the auditorium were crowded with friends of the newsboys and by persons who are interested in their welfare. Many women were present.

Showers With Greetings.

Greetings from many distinguished public men and women were read to the boys. Among them were the following: The President, William H. Taft—"I am glad to send the Washington newsboys my hearty good wishes for a very merry Christmas and a year full of success."

Capt. James F. Oyster, president Chamber of Commerce—"I have always had a profound respect for the newsboys of Washington and I am, therefore, glad to send you today this word of greeting. From your ranks the future will call journalists, business men, lawyers, doctors, engineers and who really knows? Presidents of the United States. Therefore you go and whatever you eventually become, you will surely look back through the intervening years of labor upward with pleasure and pride to your present position as newsboys, and upon your present opportunities and upon the future which beckons you onward and upward. And today I wish you each and all from the bottom of my heart a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

Champ Clark, Speaker House of Representatives—"Hope the newsboys will have a delightful time and live to enjoy many

more Christmas dinners. After all, this is a glorious work."

Cuno H. Rudolph, president of the board of Commissioners—"Say to our young friends, the newsboys, that I wish them a joyful Christmas and much prosperity for the coming year."

Miss Mabel T. Boardman, president National Red Cross—"Boys, you sell newspapers that tell how the Red Cross needs help to take care of the poor people after great disasters. So you see you are little Red Cross heralds, and I wish you all a merry Christmas."

Mrs. Natalie E. Hammond, national chairman National Civic Federation—"The women of the woman's welfare department of the National Civic Federation wish the newsboys of Washington a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Newsboys have a warm spot in the hearts of the American people, and especially in the hearts of American mothers. Yours is a profession giving exceptional opportunities to develop character, honesty, pluck, initiative, self-reliance and independence—qualifications indispensable for real, abiding future success."

Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, president Washington Federation of Pastors—"The ministers of the city send Christmas greetings and words of good cheer to the newsboys. We hope they will not only have a good time today, but remembering the boy Jesus, who made all our good times possible, have a best time every day by trying to be like him."

Mrs. Lily F. Kar, president Working-Boys' Home—"I hope the boys will have a royal dinner and a fine time. Tell them not to forget whose birthday they are celebrating, and always to remember that He is a poor boy, too, and was at one time in their life exactly the same age as every little newsboy in Washington."

A Thought in Verse.

Mrs. Helen T. Birney, president District Congress of Mothers—"This is just a little greeting from a mother's organization and an individual mother who loves boys with the wisest and truest love. May the coming year may you have a very happy Christmas. Because you have been made happy on this, our Blessed Lord's birthday, you may have a very happy Christmas. Matter how small the act, to make some one else happy. May I give you just a little thought in verse?"

"Give love, and love to you will flow, A strength in your own hand will show. Have faith, and a score of hearts will show The faith you have in God's hand will show. For life is the mirror of king and slave, And what you do to others you do to me. They live to the world the best you have, And the best will come back to you."

Mrs. Emma Shelton, president District Woman's Christian Temperance Union—"The woman's Christian Temperance Union, which loves the boys and is always ready to help them to grow up good, clean, temperance men, greets the newsboys and wishes for them not only an enjoyable banquet, but a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. May God bless and keep the big-hearted, true-hearted newsboys of this city."

William M. Davidson, superintendent public schools—"Cordial greetings to the newsboys of Washington, with best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May the coming year bring to each member of the association peace, happiness and prosperity; and may the great public which they serve so well appreciate more and more the value of the service rendered by all the boys who are the recovered newsboys of our Capital city, in its sincere wish."

Fleming Newbold, business manager of The Star, sent the following message: "The Star wishes the newsboys a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Let each boy try his best to do right during the coming year so that all will grow up to be strong and honest men."

NEW YORK NOW IN FIELD.

Efforts to Obtain Democratic Convention Stir Other Cities.

The entry of New York into the list of cities seeking the democratic national convention has caused a flutter among the booms of Baltimore and St. Louis. New York claims, if presented with vigor, may unseat the fortunes of Baltimore very materially. It is the city which has recovered from the wreck in Havana harbor.

May Bring Home Victims of Maine.

The dreadnoughts Utah and Florida, which are now on their first cruise, have arrived at Galveston on their way to join the Atlantic fleet at the naval station at Guantanamo, Cuba. They will remain at the Texas port until January 18, when they will proceed to Cuba. Although not yet settled, it is probable that one or both of these new warships will be utilized in bringing home in state the bodies of about forty victims of the explosion of the battleship Maine, the recently recovered from the wreck in Havana harbor.

WOMEN PROTEST INNOCENCE.

Charged With Grand Larceny From Department Store.

Mrs. B. T. Ryan and Mrs. Ellen Reid, the two women who were arrested Saturday afternoon after a transaction with a department store on F street, were charged with grand larceny today and their cases continued until January. Mrs. Ryan is held under \$1,000 bond and Mrs. Reid under \$2,500 bond. They spent their Christmas in the house of detention. The women were charged with grand larceny from the department store on F street, where they were arrested Saturday afternoon after a transaction with a department store on F street, were charged with grand larceny today and their cases continued until January.

DEATH OF MRS. ROOT.

Widow of Former Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate.

Mrs. Angeline P. Brockman Root, widow of Col. Richard Root, formerly assistant sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, died Saturday night in her apartment at the Kenesaw, on the fifty-eighth anniversary of her wedding.

Mrs. Root was born in Oglethorpe, Ga., January 11, 1833, and was a daughter of the late Samuel L. Brockman and Penelope Bunch. Until twenty years ago she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but she had been a member of the Episcopal church since 1894.

Mrs. Root is survived by two daughters, Mrs. E. A. Brockman and Miss Anna M. Root of Washington, and a son, Joseph S. Root, of Minneapolis, Minn. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but she had been a member of the Episcopal church since 1894.

ADMIRAL DEWEY IS 74.

Hero of Manila Bay to Observe Birthday Anniversary Tomorrow.

George Dewey, admiral of the navy, will celebrate his seventy-fourth birthday anniversary tomorrow. The senior officer of the navy and hero of Manila bay was born in Montpelier, Vt., December 26, 1837. Admiral Dewey has been a member of the navy for more than thirty years. He is expected to dine at home with a few intimate friends. Hundreds of his friends, however, will offer their congratulations.

Admiral Dewey ended his last sea cruise October 1899, and since that time as admiral of the navy and as president of the general board, he has had his headquarters in Washington.

Lafayette Corps Elects Officers.

Lafayette Corps, No. 10, W. R. C., has elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Sarah J. Coulter; senior vice president, Mrs. Nettie G. Kruger; junior vice president, Mrs. Mary E. Tucker; secretary, Mrs. Vina M. Calhoun; chaplain, Mrs. Mary E. di Marzo; conductor, Mrs. Mary A. Mangum; guard, Miss Mary E. di Marzo. Mrs. Georgianna D. Van Fleet was appointed secretary. A joint installation will be held Wednesday, January 3, at G. A. R. hall.

SCORES MADE WARM BY BOUNTY OF FIRM

Eighty-Five Needy Boys Receive Coats and Shoes From Saks & Company.

Eighty-five overcoats were given away by Saks & Co. today to boys of unfortunate parents. It was the twenty-third successive Christmas distribution by this firm to the poor of the city, and in addition to the overcoats, several pairs of shoes, several suits of clothes and other articles of comfort were given away to the boys who seemed a little more needy than others. In addition, some of the boys received presents of money from the firm; and to this generosity, Ronald Spitzer, son of Samuel Spitzer, buyer for Saks & Co.'s shoe department, sent a jar of money that he has been saving for a long time for the special purpose of making a merry Christmas for some of the eighty-five.

The boys gathered on the 7th street side of the store as early as 8 o'clock this morning, evidently believing that the first comers would be better served, but this precaution was unnecessary, for Joseph L. Saks and Isaac Gans had carefully compiled lists of the "cases," and knew each boy's wants better than the boy himself. The family's state was briefly outlined by the investigators, and the boys' needs were ascertained. Little extra presents of shoes and money and hats were ready.

Cheery Welcome for Boys.

One of the best evidences of Christmas spirit was the cheery welcome given to the boys by the salesmen and department heads who gave up their Christmas morning for the sake of charity. It was truly a merry greeting.

Few of the families had come to a state through drink. It has been noticed in previous distributions that intemperance has left its stamp on the boys, but the man who should provide for it, but most of the eighty-five boys who were given overcoats and shoes, and some of the boys who have fallen beneath the cruel effects of intemperance.

Several visitors to the store this morning to watch the boys. Among them were E. A. Brockman, superintendent of the National Training School for Boys, Darnelle, Mr. Ellis, clerk of the store, Joseph Strassburger and Mrs. Strassburger, and Mrs. Gans.

Among those who helped in the distribution were Department Managers George Danley, Samuel L. Phelps, Samuels, Spitzer, Edward Nilsson, H. N. Ober, J. D. Hughes and Sol Breslau.

STONING OF CAR CHARGED.

Two Mt. Rainier Men Accused of Assaulting Clarence B. Fox.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

HYATTSVILLE, Md., December 25.—James Mulholland and Fred (or "Reddy") Reh, both of Mount Rainier, are spending Christmas day in the lockup at Bladensburg, having been held to await the action of the grand jury of Prince Georges county on charges of assault with intent to kill, committed Saturday night. The victim of the alleged assault, Clarence B. Fox, lives at 58 V street northwest, Washington.

Reh and Mulholland, it is stated, engaged in an altercation with Conductor Joseph F. Gates and Motorman Andrew Grigsby, crew of a late car on the Mount Rainier, Hyattsville and Riverdale line. The two young men waited at the Mount Rainier station, and when the car stopped on its return trip from Riverdale, it is alleged, they threw bricks at the car crew.

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There still is hope among those in charge that all of the money asked will be subscribed before Christmas day closes. Eight of the opportunities have been completely subscribed; some of them, in fact, have been oversubscribed. There remain open opportunities which still lack \$2,904.85. The total asked is \$5,353.35. The campaign for funds for these opportunities closes today.

Happiness and comfort, not merely for Christmas day, but for many months, will be brought to those in desperate need by these contributions, and the Christmas of 1911 will be memorable in their lives. The circumstances of the families for which assistance has been sought by the Associated Charities were carefully investigated by the association before the appeal for donations was made to the public.

Among those who are thus benefited are poor women with large families of children to support; blind men, who have their dependent even upon their aged persons, who through no fault of their own are destitute.

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Opportunity No. 1.

Fund complete, \$184.84; breadwinner ill. Previously acknowledged, \$180.55; H. S. \$1.00; \$181.55.

Opportunity No. 2.

Fund complete, \$214.09; widow with five children. Previously acknowledged, \$214.09; M. L. M. \$5.00; \$219.09.

Opportunity No. 3.

Fund complete, \$116.34; blind breadwinner. Previously acknowledged, \$116.34; George W. Cook, no name, \$5.00; M. L. M. \$5.00; \$126.34.

Opportunity No. 4.

Fund complete, \$53.50. Elderly couple. Previously acknowledged, \$53.50; M. L. M. \$5.00. Total, \$58.50.

Opportunity No. 5.

Fund complete, \$181.19. Deserter wife with five small children. Previously acknowledged, \$181.19; T. G. \$2.00; No Name, \$1.00. Total, \$184.19.

Opportunity No. 6.

Blind colored man, five children under fourteen years. Amount required, \$312. Previously acknowledged, \$117.34. Mrs. J. C. Rau, through The Star, \$35; cash, \$1.50; George W. Cook, through The Star, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. H., through The Star, \$1; cash, through The Star, \$1; no name, \$1; anonymous, \$1; T. W. \$1.50; L. G. G. \$1; Mr. and Mrs. H. \$2. Total, \$154.34.

Opportunity No. 7.

German widow, five children under ten years. Amount required, \$147.84. Cash, through The Star, \$1; L. M. P., through The Star, \$1; L. G. G., through The Star, \$1.50; Mr. and Mrs. H. \$2; W. T. W. \$1.25; Mr. and Mrs. H. \$2; M. L. M. \$5. Total, \$100.39.

Opportunity No. 8.

Fund complete, \$102. Refined old couple.

Opportunity No. 9.

Widow with three children. Mother delicate. Amount required, \$520. Previously acknowledged, \$520. Total, \$1,040.

Opportunity No. 10.

A young colored woman deserted four children under ten years. Amount required, \$200. Previously acknowledged, \$80.34. Cash, \$1; M. P. Star, \$1; S. Boyce, through The Star, \$1; cash, through The Star, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. William C. W., \$25; \$1; Peoples' Congregational Church, \$25. Total, \$151.34.

Opportunity No. 11.

Delicate widow with three children under thirteen years. Amount required, \$312. Previously acknowledged, \$117.34. Cash, \$1; M. P. Star, \$1; S. Boyce, through The Star, \$1; cash, through The Star, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. William C. W., \$25; \$1; Peoples' Congregational Church, \$25. Total, \$151.34.

Opportunity No. 12.

Fund complete, \$123.50. Aged colored couple.

Opportunity No. 13.

Colored widow with six children; family helping. Amount required, \$106.34. L. M. P., through The Star, \$2; George W. Cook, through The Star, \$1; cash, through The Star, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. William C. W., \$25; \$1; Peoples' Congregational Church, \$25. Total, \$151.34.

Opportunity No. 14.

Fund complete, \$112. Young man with tuberculosis. Amount required, \$81. Undesignated, \$81. Total to date, \$239.65.

Received by The Star.

The following contributions were received by The Star today:

E. B. \$2 for opportunity No. 9 and No. 11.

J. A. S. \$1 for opportunity No. 11.

E. C. M. \$2 for opportunity No. 9.

B. G. R. \$1 for any opportunity.

J. W. \$2 for opportunity No. 9.

E. C. M. \$1 for opportunity No. 7 or 9.

Cash, \$1 for opportunity No. 9.

Two boys, \$5 for opportunity No. 6.

M. E. H. \$1 for opportunity No. 6.

J. M. G. \$1 for opportunity No. 11.

G. N. D. \$2 for opportunity No. 11.

L. M. \$1 for opportunity No. 7.

Cash, \$3 for any opportunity.

W. A. P. \$1 for any opportunity.

Mrs. E. B. Pratt, \$1 for any opportunity.

T. H. L. \$1 for opportunity No. 9.

Cash, \$1 for opportunity No. 7.

B. W. \$1 for opportunity No. 5.

M. L. G. \$1 for opportunity No. 11.

O. C. S. \$1 for opportunity No. 9.

Arthur L. Bryant, \$5 for any opportunity.

S. P. \$2 for any opportunity.

Frazier W. Head, \$10 for opportunities No. 6 and No. 11.

S. F. W. \$1